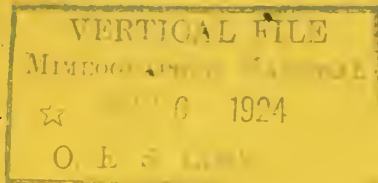


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## DOCKING AND CASTRATING 3,000 LAMBS PROVE PROFITABLE

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**D**OCKING AND CASTRATING LAMBS have proved profitable in Fayette County, Ky. During February, March, and April of 1923, County Agent W. R. Gabbert of Fayette County in cooperation with R. C. Miller, extension animal husbandman of the University of Kentucky, conducted 50 demonstrations of the docking and castrating of spring lambs before local crowds of producers. On these occasions, the most modern methods of doing the work were demonstrated. Approximately 3,000 head of lambs were docked and castrated.

The records of the cooperative marketing association show that during the season 36,333 Fayette County lambs were sold. Of these 17,620 were docked and castrated, and 18,713 were not.

The proof of the value of the practice is that \$2.32 per hundredweight was received in excess of the price paid for lambs not docked or castrated. Excluding the "seconds" in the two lots those docked and castrated outweighed the others by an average of 2 pounds per head. The lot not docked and castrated contained three times as many "seconds" as the other lot.

These facts show the value of such practices. The methods used by County Agent Gabbert set forth a fine example of how to obtain the adoption of such practices by a majority of producers.

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